



New coronavirus: Current situation – Switzerland and international

Information on the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus and those who have died as a result of the infection, as well as the report on the epidemiological situation in Switzerland, can be found here.

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Current situation in Switzerland

Confirmed in Switzerland

17.3.2020, 1.45 pm:

Number of cases

Tested positive: about 2650

Confirmed: 2269

Number who have died: 19

The top priority for the Swiss Federal Council is the health of the public

The aim should be to make sure that people are better protected from the novel coronavirus, especially those who are at a higher risk of becoming severely ill. We can all help by following the recommendations (both the new ones and those issued previously):

- **Keep your distance** – for example: Protect elderly people by keeping adequate distance from them; Keep your distance when queuing or waiting in line; Keep your distance at meetings.
- **Wash your hands thoroughly.**
- **Avoid shaking hands.**
- **Cough and sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm.**
- **If you have a fever and are coughing, stay at home.**
- **Only go to the doctor or A&E once you have notified them by phone.**

You will find detailed information on the "[Protect yourself and others](#)" site or at www.foph-coronavirus.

Current situation – International

As of 17 March 2020, 6.30am:

Cases of new coronavirus infections have been confirmed in more than 140 countries or regions.

More than 27,500 cases of new coronavirus have been confirmed in Italy. Of those, 2,158 people are known to have died. For Italy as for all other areas concerned, travellers should inform themselves about the local situation.

Globally over 182,500 people are confirmed to have been infected with the new coronavirus.

7,171 people are known to have died, 3,945 outside of mainland China.

Totally more than 79,500 people have been recovered again.

In the majority of cases the illness is mild. [However, people aged over 65 and those with an existing pre-illness could become seriously ill.](#)

Affected areas: why is reference no longer being made to 'affected areas'?

There is now a risk of becoming infected with new coronavirus in almost all parts of the world. As of 9 March we will therefore no longer be referring to 'affected areas'.

Press conference


16.03.2020 - Medienkonferenz des BR - Coronavirus (COVID-19): Aktuell...



Documents

Information in other languages

 [فيروس كورونا الجديد](#) (PDF, 474 kB, 16.03.2020).

 [新冠肺炎病毒](#) (PDF, 292 kB, 16.03.2020).

 [Nuevo coronavirus: ¿Qué puede hacer?](#) (PDF, 176 kB, 16.03.2020).

 [Novo coronavírus: O que pode fazer?](#) (PDF, 183 kB, 16.03.2020).

 [Novi koronavirus: Šta možete da uradite?](#) (PDF, 365 kB, 16.03.2020).

 [Koronavirus i ri: Çfarë mund të bëni?](#) (PDF, 274 kB, 16.03.2020).

 [Yeni Corona Virüsü: Ne yapabilirsiniz?](#) (PDF, 366 kB, 16.03.2020).

Links

Federal government links

[FDFA: Coronavirus – News](#)

[EDA: Fokus Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

[alert.swiss: Ongoing events](#)

Additional links: Switzerland

[Safetravel: medical advice for travellers \(in German or French\)](#)

[HUG Geneva Virology Laboratory](#)

Additional links: international

[WHO: Coronavirus](#)

[Disease Outbreak News der WHO](#)

[WHO Technical documents for novel coronavirus](#)

[WHO advice for international travel](#)

[Risk assessment of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC](#)

[ECDC: Infographic COVID-19](#)

[Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE](#)

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